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**ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3728
PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 05711.0130**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Ryoji KAWAMURA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3728
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Application No.: 09/986,998)	Examiner: S. Luong
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Filed: November 13, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 6370
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For: SMALL ARTICLE CASE)	Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 12, 2004, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.